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# **Effects of various ballast water treatment methods on the survival of phytoplankton and bacteria**

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## **Propositions:**

**In certain respects, it is better to drink ships' ballast water than tap water.**

**Finishing your PhD against the odds doesn't make you a super hero, wearing your panties on top of the pants does.**

**If it would be allowed to write your thesis just in your head, there would be a lot more doctors.**

**Alien invaders are among us.**

**The solution to 99% of flow cytometer problems is to run a cleaning cycle.**

**In order to change the Ballast Water Management Convention you first have to accept it.**

**Ballast water management reduces the threat of invasive species, but does not eliminate it.**

**Ballast water treatment selects for resistant species.**